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SUBJECT: UNIT OF VOLGODONSK PLANT COMPLETED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

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1. WEEKEND CENTRAL PRESS FEATURED ARTICLES ANNOUNCING THAT THE THIRD "KORPUS" OF THE VOLGODONSK PLANT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ATOMIC POWER AND OTHER GENERATING EQUIPMENT WAS COMPLETED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE ON DECEMBER 17 AND IS READY TO BE PUT INTO OPERATION. ACCORDING TO TRUD, DECEMBER 18, THE PRODUCTION AT VOLGODONSK OF ATOMIC POWER REACTORS, STEAM GENERATORS, AND HEAT EXCHANGE EQUIPMENT WILL REQUIRE HUGE MACHINE TOOLS AND PRESSES, INCLUDING MANY WITH PROGRAMMED DIRECTION. THE THIRD "KORPUS" WILL PRODUCE ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTATION (OSNASTKA I INSTRUMENT) FOR THIS "UNIQUE EQUIPMENT. THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION-ASSEMBLY WORK ON THE NEW UNIT WAS 16 MILLION RUBLES.

2. ACCORDING TO TRUD, THE EMPLOYEES OF "KORPUS" THREE HAVE OBLIGATED THEMSELVES TO INITIATE OUTPUT THIS YEAR AND PRODUCE 4.5 MILLION RUBLES OF OUTPUT NEXT YEAR. AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ON THE OVERALL PROJECT HAVE "REAFFIRMED"
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THEIR DETERMINATION TO COMPLETE THE FIRST PRODUCTION LINE OF THE PLANT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, FOR THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION ON NOVEMBER 7, 1977.

3. PRAVDA REPORTED ON DECEMBER 21 THAT THE FIRST POWER "BLOC" OF THE KURSK ATOMIC POWER STATION WAS NOW IN OPERA-

TION AND THAT WORK ON THE SECOND STAGE WAS PROCEEDING.
TOTAL CAPACITY OF THE PLANT WHEN COMPLETED WILL BE 4
MILLION KILOWATTS.

4. COMMENT: THE CONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
AT VOLGODONSK, REFTELS, HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN SUFFICIENTLY
OVERCOME IN THE CASE OF THE ANICLLARY EQUIPMENT PRODUCING
UNIT. COMPLETION OF THE FIRST PRODUCTION LINE IN TIME FOR
THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NEXT NOVEMBER SEEMS TO BE
RECEIVING A BUILD-UP ON A PAR WITH ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
TRUCK AT THE KAMA TRUCK PLANT IN TIME FOR THE PARTY CONGRESS
LAST FEBRUARY. AS IN THE CASE OF THE LATTER, A "SYMBOLIC"
INITIATION OF OPERATIONS NEXT NOVEMBER STILL SEEMS MOST
LIKELY.

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